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SUBJECT: EVALUATION - GEORGE STERNLIEB

1. PROFESSOR GEORGE STERNLIEB OF RUTGERS UNIVRSITY URBAN
POLICY CENTER. AMSPEC. LECTURES/DISCUSSIONS: URBAN LAND
USE" AND "FUTURES FOR LARGE U.S. CITIES." JA-09 (PARTIAL).

2. QP-G; ED-VG; AR-VG; RO-G; FLC-N/A.

3. STERNLIEB PROGRAMMED AT AMERICAN CENTERS IN OSAKA,
SAPPORO, KYOTO, WITH A TOTAL AUDIENCE OF 199 ACADEMICIANS,
BUSINESSMEN, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, ARCHITECTS, URBAN
PLANNERS, MEDIA--TWO-THIRDS WERE PRIMARY. HE WAS ESPECIALLY
EFFECTIVE IN CONTRASTING URBAN THEORY AND ACTUAL PRACTICE
AND IN DISCUSSING QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES.

4. CURRENT DECLINE OF U.S. CITIES IS RESULT OF POPULATION
OUTFLOW, CHANGES IN TYPES OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT, PROBLEMS OF
ETHNICITY AND SOCIAL ORDER. THE SHIFT IN POPULATION GROWTH
FROM NORTHEAST TO SUNBELT AUGURS FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE IN
STRUCTURE OF AMERICAN URGAN LIFE. AN ALTERNATIVE FUTURE
MIGHT BE COMMUNITIES OF CONCENTRATED INTERESTS, E.G.,
HIGH TECHNOLOGY, RESEARCH, OR ACADEMIC COMMUNITIES. HE
OUTLINED U.S. ACHIEVEMENTS IN CITY PLANNING AND PROBLEMS
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WHICH REMAIN--ALL ADVANCED SOCIETIES FACE SIMILAR DIF-
FICULTIES. EASING CONFLICTS BETWEEN GENERATIONS, BETWEEN
POPULATION GROUPS, BETWEEN INDUSTRY AND CONSUMERS ARE
FORMIDABLE TASKS HANDICAPPED BY MOUNTING COSTS FOR
ENVIRONMENT PRESERVATION AND DECREASIG POWER OF AUTHORITY
IN IMPLEMENTING PROJECTS. COMPLEXITY OF AIR RIGHTS AND
TRANSFER OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS NEAR NYC WERE

EXAMPLES CITED; AND SOME STATES ARE ADOPTING THE OMBUDSMAN OR PUBLIC DEFENDER CONCEPT.

5. DISCUSSION CENTERED ON TRENDS IN URBAN REDEVELOPMENT, URBAN POPULATION LOSS, DEVELOPMENTS IN LAND USE, SUCH AS MULTI-PURPOSES COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES, RECYCLING BUILDINGS, HISTORICAL PRESERVATION, FORTHCOMING WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON LAND USE.

6. SAPPORO CO-SPONSOR, HOKKAIDO PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT, WILL PUBLISH LECTURE AND DISCUSSION FOR DISTRIBUTION TO CITY PLANNERS THROUGHOUT HOKKAIDO. MILLER

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